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## Vote For ANC Tues. Nov. 2

A separate ballot at the Nov. 2 presidential election will give all DC voters a chance to name local members of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

Near Southwest is divided into six small areas, each electing one member of our ANC (ANC6D). A seventh member is from the SE area between So. Capitol St. and the 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE bridge. Voter registration lists (a printout is in the SW library) and voter cards mailed earlier to all DC voters tell which SMD (Single Member District) the voter lives in.

Although write-in voting is permitted, the following candidates for ANC submitted petitions signed by local voters and will be printed on the ballot of their SMD:

SMD 6D01 – Max Skolnik  
SMD 6D02 – David Sobelsohn  
SMD 6D03 – Ron McBee  
Mary C. Williams  
SMD 6D04 – Andy Litsky  
SMD 6D05 – Roger Moffatt  
SMD 6D06 – William Day  
(a.k.a. Ahmed Assalaam)  
– Rob Windle  
SMD 6D07 – Bob Siegel

(See Candidates' statements on page 2)

## Homeless Shelter Closing Nov. 3

With cold weather coming on, 170 homeless men now housed at the Catholic Charities Shelter at the gym at old Randall Jr. High, (on I (Eye) St. S.W. near Half St. S.W.) will be out on the street to find their way to other shelters. The District of Columbia expects residents of the shelter to return at night to a shelter on New York Ave. NE or a building on St. Elizabeth's Hospital, but The Coalition of Housing and Homeless Organizations says the St. Elizabeth's building is not ready and the New York Ave. shelter is already committed for hypothermia nights when the temperature is near freezing. ■



Part of Panel and sponsors at Housing meeting. Left to right, Ahmad Nuriddin, co-sponsor; Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, moderator; David Smith, Forest City Enterprises; Council Member Sharon Ambrose; Rev. Brian Hamilton, co-sponsor; Beverly Wilbourn, Fannie Mae.

## No Solution To Rising Costs Of Housing

A public meeting attended by some 50 residents October 5 was told by area officials that, while there was official concern over rising housing costs in Southwest, there were no specific plans under way to resolve the problem.

In a question-and-answer program at Westminster Presbyterian Church on I (Eye) St. S.W., Ward 6 Council Member

Sharon Ambrose said, "There is not a comprehensive plan right now for future affordable housing in Southwest." She agreed that residents in such SW communities as James Creek and Greenleaf faced problems — pointing out, for example, that city financing aid for seniors' home ownership had expired and no replacement is planned.

The host, the Rev. Brian Hamilton, said coming changes in SW triggered the need for such a meeting to protect many long-time residents who are facing major changes in the community. But one James Creek resident said at the end of the 90-minute meeting, "I didn't hear anything here tonight to make me feel any better."

Andy Altman, director of planning for D.C. was on the panel. ■



A new model shows the six buildings of the Waterfront development

## Demolition of Waterside Mall In Summer 2005

The building complex to replace Waterside Mall at 4<sup>th</sup> and M St. S.W. has been radically redesigned, following a commitment by the Fannie Mae company to be the project's main tenant. The construction schedule, once planned in phases over 20 years, has been accelerated, with work to begin in 2005.

Demolition of the former Waterside Mall, built in 1973 between Third and Fifth and between K and M Streets, S.W., is set for next summer. Excavation begins in the fall.

First buildings, on the west side of the new Fourth St., are to be completed in 2008.

Fannie Mae expects 4,600 employees to occupy the first phase's 1.25 million square feet. The second phase, on the east side of Fourth St., could be finished a year later, with construction of an apartment complex to follow.

### ANC TOWN MEETING

More than 70 people filled the community hall at St. Matthew's Lutheran church on M St. on October 6 to hear representatives of the owner, the developer, the architect (Shalom Baranes) and Fannie Mae describe the latest developments concerning Waterfront.

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## Baseball Park is SWNA Topic

Meet Your ANC Candidates at 7 pm to start the monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Mon. Oct. 25 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and M St. S.W.

At 7:30 pm the meeting will shift to a discussion of the baseball stadium at the foot of the So. Capitol St. Bridge. ■

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## ANC Candidate Statements

The Southwester requested ANC candidates to submit 50-word statements for publication before the election. Statements (edited to 50 words) submitted were:

**SMD 6D01 Max Skolik** – “The waterfront initiative and new stadium are serious community challenges. We must ensure that the neighborhood is not lost to the demands of profit. I will fight for the child who needs a quality education, the family who needs affordable housing, and the community that needs a vibrant and supportive living space.”

**SMD 6D02 David Sobelsohn** – “I

have lived for 11 years in ANC's 6D02, running from I St. to Independence and from G St to So. Capitol. I will work so major changes coming will increase opportunity for all, especially long-term residents, the foundation of our community. Government should respond to us, not just to wealthy developers.

**SMD 6D03 Ron McBee** – I will work to develop a “people plan” to protect our interest during the coming development in SW and SE. I know our community's wants and needs because I've spent several years working on neighborhood issues like physical and economic development,

preservation, police, and the delivery of city services.

**SMD 6D03 Mary C. Williams** – Attorney in private practice. Incumbent ANC Commissioner. Former SWNA Representative. Former D.C. Clean City Coordinator. Testified before City Council on affordable housing. A strong advocate for good government, open government, and accountability of officials and city employees. Support baseball but am opposed to using tax dollars for a baseball stadium.

**SMD 6D04 Andy Litsky** – Unquestionably, the single greatest challenge to Southwest is the extraordinary level of development taking place in our community. Our job must be to ensure that these changes will result in the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life for everyone. And the ANC is the line of first defense.

**SMD 6D05 Roger Moffatt**

Roger Moffatt's goals for ANC6D-05

1. Dissuade undesirable, dense development at 222 M Street.
2. Participate in PUD process to ensure retention of essential services during Waterfront reconstruction.
3. Redirect unwise government grab of taxable property for construction of under used behemoth exempt from property taxation.
4. Work for livable, less dense development.

**SMD-6D06 WILLIAM DAY (a.k.a. Ahmed Assalaam) (no statement submitted)**

**SMD-6D06 Rob Windle** – Important issue: lack of affordable housing. As ANC commissioner, I would hold affordable housing workshops that include realtors, lenders, potential developers, etc., to provide information to residents. The other two important issues facing our community are the impact of a publicly funded baseball stadium, and the redevelopment of Waterfront Mall.

**SMD 6D07 Bob Siegel** – I vote the

way my constituents wish. The biggest issue - non-communication of city council members & Mayor in deciding in advance before talking to the SMD of finalization of contracts (exp. O St. baseball). I will convey to the lawmakers our displeasure and their disrespect towards us.

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## Southwest Community Calendar

Oct. 20 – Nov. 30)

### MONTHLY

**WED. OCT. 20** AARP luncheon, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and M St. S.W., 12 pm

**FRI. OCT. 22** No school.

**SAT. OCT. 23** Hazardous waste disposal 16<sup>th</sup> & Kennedy St. N.W. 9 am – 3 pm

**MON. OCT. 25** SWNA Meeting, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> & M St. S.W., 7 pm (Note change of time).

**THURS. OCT. 28** NARFE meeting at SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St. S.W., 2 pm (Note change of time)

**SAT. OCT. 30** Halloween celebrated

**SUN. OCT. 31** Halloween and Daylight Saving Time Ends. Turn Clocks back one hour.

**TUES. NOV. 2** Presidential Election Day (Polls open 7 am to 8 pm) No School.

**TUES. NOV. 2** Police Citizens Advisory Council, 415 4<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. 7 pm

**SAT. NOV. 6** AARP trip to Atlantic City. Bus leaves 700 7<sup>th</sup> St. SW at 8 am.

**SUN. NOV. 7** Jazz Vespers, Christ United Methodist Church, 4<sup>th</sup> and I (Eye) St. S.W. 5 pm

**MON. NOV. 8** Advisory Neighborhood Commission open meeting, 65 I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm – 10 pm

**THURS. NOV. 11** Veteran's Day holiday. No school.

**FRI. NOV. 12** School half day.

**MON. NOV. 22** (NO SWNA Meeting until Dec. 6)

**THURS. NOV. 25** Thanksgiving

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

**SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS** - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon

**COLLECTOR'S CLUB STAMPS** - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye St. S.W., 7 pm (202-291-62290

**S.W. KIWANIS** - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4<sup>th</sup> & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**S.W. CITIZENS PATROL** with Officer Kenny Daniels - 4<sup>th</sup> & M St. S.W., Safeway parking lot, every Tues. At 7 pm

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7<sup>th</sup> & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

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*Native Americans parade on the National Mall.  
(photo by Perry Kklein)*

*By Maurice Boyd*

**T**housands of Native Americans from North and South America took part in impressive ceremonies and celebrations on the National Mall late in September.

Ogallala Lakota from South Dakota, Piscataway from Virginia and Maryland, Navajo from Arizona and New Mexico, Aztec (Mexico) descendants from Mexico City, Inuit from Northern Canada, Seneca from Western New York, Quechua from Peru and Bolivia, Cherokee and other tribes/nations from Oklahoma, Blackfeet from Montana, and many more indigenous Americans appeared in their resplendent regalia at the grand opening of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Camera buffs had a field day. My favorite outfit was a rawhide dress worn by a young Lakota woman. As she described it, it was of museum quality, composed of rare and valuable natural elements. (She kept reminding us of the tragedy at Wounded Knee).

If you admire architectural and decorative grandeur, beauty and power, you will want to get over to this latest monument in Washington, DC.

I made friends with two men from a Navajo chapter in Northwest New Mexico. They were thrilled with the attention, recognition and respect that Native Americans were receiving, as they took part in the First Nations Festival and the Museum.

The new museum at Independence Ave. S.W. and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S.W. is but a 10-minute walk from Waterfront Mall. There are continuous events, such as birch bark canoe construction in the rotunda near the main entrance. The opening day crowds have thinned, so you should go. ■

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# SPORTS

By Alvin Hudgens

## 75 Pound Beats Kingsman 14-6

Club #4's Junior Peewee team beat Kingman Boys Club in NW DC 14-6 under the leadership of first year quarterback Adrian Dickerson. He was 3 for 5 on his first drive for 47 yards

Anthony Calloway (Danny) led the team in rushing with 61 yards on 14 carries.

Head coach is Anthony Parry. Assistant coach is Charles Banks.

## 105 Pound Beats Uptown Athletic Club 21-0

In a 21-0 win over Uptown Athletic Club, Steve Parry passed to 4 different receivers to start the process and the running backs kept the momentum going.

This Junior Midget Team is focusing on the playoffs. The offense of Steve Parry, Malik Mack and Andre Gregory have amassed a league-best 400 rushing yards.

Head coach is Javon Majette, with assistance from Calvin Walden and Michael Hines.

## 125 Pound Beats Kingman, Dale City

In the toughest division in the Pop Warner league, Club #4's 125 lb. Midget Team knocked off Kingman 24-6 with several offense players having standout games. The defense showed its mettle in a 13-0 win over Dale City.

Head Coach Ronald Hines and assistant coach James Parson know they have a tough season ahead. Two of their first opponents played in Florida in the National Championship game last year. But with 35 players and 2 city championships under his belt Coach Hines is looking toward to his rematches with Woodland and Marshall Heights.

## Think Taxes: NARFE Meets

Your income tax returns due Apr. 15, 2005, will be the subject of Kenneth R. Wilson's appearance at the NARFE meeting set for 2 pm Thurs. Oct. 28 in the SW Branch Library, Wesley Place and K St. S.W.

Michelle Wilkins will give an update on the Care First/Blue Cross programs.

The meeting time has been changed from noontime because the library meeting room is in use.



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# Apts., New Church For St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 222 M St. SW, plans to sell part of its present site to a developer to build middle-income rental apartments and will use the money to build a new church and community center on the present site.

The plan was announced at a well-attended public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Sep. 27. The proposal was criticized by some attendees, who expressed concern that the new complex, to be known as St. Matthew's Square, would lead to increased traffic problems and noise pollution in the area, and fail to meet home ownership needs of the neighborhood.

The Rev. Phil Huber, pastor at St. Matthew's since April, 1999, said, "Our proposal is to demolish the existing deteriorated church and to construct in its place a mixed-use development."

The church's proposed structure is to include:

- A new St. Matthew's Church and offices totaling approximately 7,000 square feet.
- A community facility that would include a day-care center, a coffee shop, and a community meeting/training facility totaling approximately 7,000 square feet.
- Underground parking for 70 vehicles and limited short-term above-ground parking.

The present St. Matthew's site covers 1.2 acres. The new church development is to be on the eastern part on the corner of M St. and Delaware Ave. SW.

The western part, facing M Street, will be sold to the Richman Group Development Corp. for approximately \$2.3 million. The developer plans to build a five-story L-shaped structure containing 78 rental apartments. It would have one-, two- and three bedroom units as well as central laundry, a computer room/library and a fitness center. The two structures will flank a central courtyard on M St. S.W., which will be for public use.

The church anticipates receiving building permits by next spring.

The present church building would be demolished next summer with construction of St. Matthew's Square to follow. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2006.

The present St. Matthew's Church was built in 1962. It developed extensive leakage problems in its roof, leading to serious mold and decay in the sanctuary. Considered beyond repair, the sanctuary was closed in 2000. Its community room has since served for worship as well as for numerous public activities, such as community meetings and as a voting site.

Pastor Huber said he recognized there



St. Matthew's Church will be torn down.

were local concerns. Residents asked why the new apartments were to be rental-only units instead of condominiums, which would offer ownership opportunities. He said the developer had made that decision because it felt the rental market was stronger. The pastor also said that planned off-street parking and the use of vehicular access from Delaware Ave. SW would minimize anticipated traffic problems.

Pastor Huber said the land sale was necessary because, "We have a building we cannot repair and don't have the millions of dollars needed to build a new church on our own. A new structure is advantageous not only to us but also to the community."

He said the present 80-member congregation has been fighting to stay where we are. We feel we have an important role in continuing to serve Southwest.

## Rededicating Makemie Pl SW

A one-block street next to the I St. duck pond created during SW Urban Renewal in the 1960s will be rededicated by Westminster Presbyterian Church after 11 o'clock services Sun. Oct. 31.

The street is named Makemie Place, and an impersonation will be given for the "Father of American Presbyterianism, Francis Makemie, who in 1707 was jailed for six weeks in New York by the British Colonial Governor who claimed that only the Church of England was legal. Make-mie's acquittal benefited the cause of religious liberty in America.

## Jazz Vespers Sun. Nov. 7

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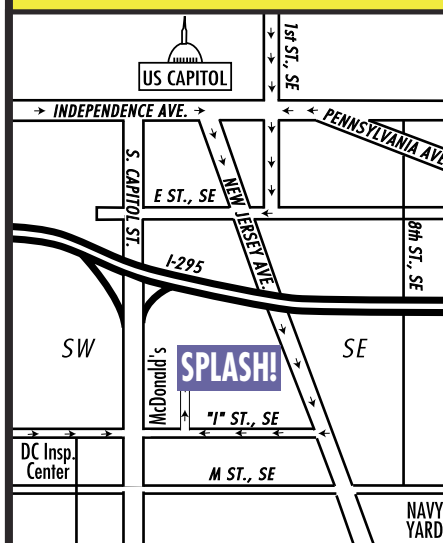


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## Arena Stage Names A Dramaturg

Arena Stage has added a new senior dramaturg to its artistic team, Mark Bly. He comes from 12 seasons at Yale Repertory Theatre, where he has helped co-produce more than 70 productions, including 13 world premiers.

Also new on board is Anita Maynard-Losh, now associate director of Community Engagement and also director of Arena's new multi-arts summer camp, to be launched in the summer of 2005.

"A dramaturg," says Bly, "is that artist who helps the play's director shape the acting, design, and directorial values of a production." Is the production accurate, for example, in the historical and/or sociological setting in which it was writ-

ten? He tries to assure this, Bly adds, through research and passing information on to the director, starting at rehearsals and right up through opening night. For Bly, this is a return to the Arena Stage, where he held his first job in professional theater as associate literary manager in 1980. Most recently, he has been associate artistic director of Yale Repertory and chair of the playwriting program at the Yale School of Drama. As the senior dramaturg at Arena, Bly also is supervising the Literary Department and assisting in season programming of the production of *Anna in the Tropics*, now playing at the Kreeger Theater. ■



Volunteers from Forest City Enterprises pose with the dozens of plants set out in new landscaping along Wesley Place, SW, at K St. SW, in front of the Southwest Branch Library.

## Forest City Helps Library

Employees of Forest City, one of the developers at Waterfront Mall, dedicated one of their Saturday "Community Days" to landscaping the front of the Southwest Library.

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By Lida Churchville

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For the purpose of this article, this writer became a Flexcar member and rented the Waterfront Honda Civic for a few hours.

Filling out the membership form required that I give information about my driver's license and the credit card I would be using to pay the \$35.00 membership fee as well as any future rental fees. My choice of a standard rate plan determined my hourly rate of \$9 for each hour with the first 10 miles free before the charge of 35 cents for each additional mile. Gas, insurance and maintenance are included in all the rate plans. Since the hours between 11pm and 7am are free with all rate plans, car returns can be made in daylight after a late evening.

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The Flexcar parked regularly at the Waterfront Metro elevator.

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## Kiwanis Gives Award

By Vernice Howard

Little Kyah King, a six year old cancer survivor, was honored at a breakfast of the SW Waterfront Kiwanis club

Presiding was Selena Anderson, club president. MC was club president-elect William Porter. Music was performed by Stephanie Taylor and Solomon Sparrow.

The Kiwanis Club of Southwest Waterfront meets every first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 4<sup>th</sup> and I (Eye) St. S.W. ■



Pictured are Kiwanis members Emma Smith, Left, and Selena Anderson, with Kyah King, award recipient.



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## Fannie Mae To Waterfront Mall

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Main features are:

**First,** There will be **six major buildings** up to 130 feet high, totaling 2.5 million square feet. Three buildings will be on each side of the reopened Fourth St. Five, totaling 2.1 million square feet, will be mostly occupied by Fannie Mae, with retail stores on the ground floor. The sixth will be a 10-story apartment building of 400,000 square feet, with some 400 rental units. At least 20% of these will be "affordable" units for households earning 50 percent or less of the area's median income. Public parking will be underground below the apartment house.

**Second, The Safeway** supermarket will occupy **the ground floor of the apartment building**, which will be on the northeast corner of the Waterfront complex – on K St. S.W. between Fourth and Wesley Place. It will have some 50,000 square feet of space, compared to the present store's 30,000 square ft.

**Third, Both the Bank of America and CVS drug store** have expressed an interest in staying in Waterfront, but specifics have not yet been resolved. And there has been no decision on temporary locations for the bank, CVS or Safeway during the construction of Waterfront.

**Fourth,** Virtually all of the ground-level space in the buildings **facing Fourth St. and M St.** – 75,000 to 100,000 square

feet – will be **for retail businesses**. The types of stores and the sidewalk and street designs are to meet neighborhood needs and create a "pedestrian-friendly environment."

**Fifth,** Work on the **reopening of Fourth St.**, which will include on-street parking and wide sidewalks, is expected to **begin next summer**. On completion of the 13-acre Waterfront complex, there also will be underground parking for 3,500 vehicles.

David Smith, representing Waterfront Associates, the developers, said, "This is a very exciting time for this project. By bringing Fannie Mae down to the Waterfront, we are going to shorten a 20-year project to about half that time."

Waterfront Associates has a 74 year lease on the property but is buying the fee title to the land from the District's RLA Revitalization Corp. for \$17 million. The Associates also expect to receive a \$55 million line of credit from Fannie Mae for other projects and a \$5 million grant to build affordable housing elsewhere in Southwest.

Two more public meetings will be held before the deal is sealed. The city Zoning Commission will act on the final Planned United Development application in November, and a public hearing will be held by the D.C. Council next spring. ■

## SEU Continues "Library Salon"

The arts and humanities are celebrated at Southeastern University at 6<sup>th</sup> and I (Eye) St. S.W. with lectures and performances open to the public in the University's library. During the coming weeks there will be:

**"The Press and Political Development in Africa,"** by Ephraim Okoro, PhD, Thurs. Oct. 21, 6 pm.

**"Classical Voice and Piano Recital,"** Sun. Nov. 7, 4 pm.

**"Ethiopia and Women"** by Hanan Adnan, Student Services, Tues. Nov. 16, 6 pm

**"American Sign Language,"** by Raymond Anderson, Adjunct Professor, Thurs. Nov. 18, 6 pm. ■

### AARP Trip To Atlantic City

At 8 am Sat. Nov. 6, members of the local AARP chapter will board a bus at 700 7<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. for an all day trip to Atlantic City. Whatever their luck at the casino, they will return at 10 pm. ■

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# Stadium? Oh No

## Letter to the Editor

Need New Ginko Ad  
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Residents of First St. S.W. between Q St. S.W. and P St. S.W. know that a new baseball stadium will mean sacrificial change because of additional traffic, increased noise and increased crime.

Parking for residents is at a premium already. Add to that additional people who don't even live on these streets and the residents have a problem.

Expect increased noise from boisterous fans who will move through the neighborhood to get to their cars after the games. Expect altercations from opposing fans.

Expect the crime rate to increase. Drinking and littering patrons will leave trash. The rate of vandalized cars for both patrons and residents will surely increase.

What is going to happen now? Will the residents that are affected by this transition be informed or consulted?  
(signed)

Herb Holmes, speaking for First St. S.W. neighbors from Q St. to P St. SW. ■

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